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News Items from the School of Education of the University of Chicago

TRAINING SPECIALISTS FOR THE JUNIOR SECTION OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The University of Chicago has been authorized to train a limited number of specialists for the Junior Section of the Federal Employment Service. There is a prospective demand for inspectors, directors, investigators, and counselors, all of whom need to be specially trained if the work is to measure up to the high standards now being established for this branch of the Federal Service. In order that this training may appeal to graduate students, liberal fellowships have been provided. In addition to the fellowships the students entering upon such training are given an opportunity to do field work in connection with actual employment practice. The department is interested in investigating such problems as the sources of junior labor supply, the labor demand, educational opportunities, organization of administration in junior offices, methods of co-operation with school systems, etc. It is expected that fellows will find material for theses in connection with such fields of investigation. Students operating under these fellowships will be sworn into Government service at the beginning of the training period and will be permitted to use the Government frank for all correspondence necessary in carrying forward their research studies, investigations, or follow-up work. Three graduate students have been granted fellowships for the present year.

RESIGNATION OF DR. H. O. RUGG

During recent years Dr. Rugg has been devoting a large amount of his time and energy to investigations of school subjects. The monograph entitled *Scientific Method in the Reconstruction of Ninth-Grade Mathematics*, written jointly by Dr. Rugg and J. R. Clark, is a concrete illustration of his valuable contributions in this field of educational investigation. When Dr. Rugg was recently offered the position of Educational Psychologist for the Lincoln

School of Teachers College, Columbia University, he saw an opportunity to devote all of his attention for a period of years to this important field of research. In accepting this position, he becomes a member of the Teachers College Faculty. During the academic year he will give all of his time to various scientific studies, fundamental to the reconstruction of our educational practice. The work will involve the intensive study of children's abilities and methods of learning. In this connection Dr. Rugg will be in immediate charge of all investigations involving measurement, and he will co-operate with others in the school in furthering the scientific reconstruction of the curriculum. During the summer sessions, he will give courses in education in Teachers College.

Dr. Rugg has been a member of the faculty of the School of Education for four years. During that time he has contributed largely in many ways to the refinement of scientific technique in educational research. He will be missed very much at the School of Education both personally and professionally. He leaves, however, with the knowledge that his present colleagues will follow his work in the future with the greatest interest and will be willing to co-operate with him in any way possible to further his contributions to the science of education.

STUDIES OF UNDER-NUTRITION

Miss Lydia J. Roberts, assistant professor of home economics, has been engaged by the Federal Children's Bureau to make a survey of under-nutrition among children in rural districts in Kentucky. This is a line of research in which Miss Roberts is deeply interested and in which she has already done a large amount of productive work. Bulletin No. 59, of the Children's Bureau Publications entitled *What is Malnutrition?* is an illustration. It is very significant that departments of food chemistry are utilizing their knowledge and scientific technique in the study of problems of such social importance as the one which Miss Roberts has undertaken.

Other work along this line has developed from the home economics courses. Students who have taken the courses in Field Work in Dietaries are now employed by the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago as dietitians. They are in charge of six nutrition clinics for children which have been opened recently by this organization.